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Van Nuys Man Charged With Killing Live-In Partner

A Van Nuys man was charged today with killing his live-in partner and then setting their apartment on fire, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ezekiel Jamal Dear (dob 4/21/89) faces one count each of murder and arson of an inhabited property in case LA080300.

Dear pleaded not guilty today and is due to return on Feb. 13 in Department 112 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

On Jan. 31, Dear allegedly stabbed his live-in partner to death and then set their apartment on fire, the prosecutor said. The victim is identified on the complaint as Yazmin Michael P.

Deputy District Attorney Angela Jordan is assigned to the case.

Bail for the defendant was set at \$1.27 million.

Dear faces a possible maximum sentence of 34 years to life in state prison if convicted as charged.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Van Nuys Division.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.